

## HUGHES HAS INDEMNITY PLAN

ATLANTIC GALES  
AROUSE FEAR  
OVER VESSELS

Chief Anxiety Felt for Bretonia From St. Pierre and German Freighter.

## SCHOONER IS WRECKED

Crew Sent Ashore in Breeches Buoy—Other Ships Battle Storm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Gales today continued to whip the North Atlantic into mountains and canyons, arousing fears for at least two vessels, delaying scores and sending a few smaller craft crashing into the shore.

The chief anxiety was felt for the Bretonia, which sailed for this port from St. Pierre, Dec. 12, and the German freighter, Heinrich Kayser, which last reported when she sent out an S. O. S. 200 miles off Cape May Dec. 6.

In addition, a flutter ran through marine circles when the shipping board motor ship Munmore, bound from Norfolk for Boston, radioed for help off Five Fathom bank light.

Schooner Wrecked  
The most important wreck reported was that of the schooner Annie L. Spindler out of Yarmouth, N. S., which struck near Provincetown, Mass., sending her crew of six ashore in a breeches buoy. An unconfirmed report had it she was carrying a cargo of liquor.

Shipping offices in New York, Halifax and other ports were bombarded with wireless messages from liners reporting delays caused by winter storms.

The Bretonia, hearing Ambassador George Harvey back to Washington, was one of the vessels held up. Dug here today, she reported she still was 117 miles off this port and did not expect to reach quarantine until Sunday morning.

Waves also were lashing the sides of the Majestic, carrying the British financial mission to the United States and Emile Coue, proponent of auto-sterilization.

Battered Ship Dock.  
Nearly 25 steamers which crept into port today showed the effects of the battering they had received. The Manchuria, reported three of her crew in the sick bay with injuries received when smitten by a gigantic wave. Battered below decks for most of the voyage were 246 sea-sick passengers.

The President Monro, snow and ice from stem to stern, arrived looking like an iceberg after fighting the worst gales her skipper could remember.

Also resembling an iceberg, the Fort St. George steamed in today from the Bermudas with her wireless apparatus down, swept away by the storm. Her skipper reported the vessel ran into the furious gale at noon yesterday and did not move her way out of it until 2 o'clock this morning. He would permit no one to go on deck, he said, and the 13 passengers were made to remain in their cabins.

CAPTURE BURGLAR  
BY BLOOD TRAIL

Blaze Jaskowiak, Hands Cut by Glass, Admits Breaking Into Store.

In less than an hour after he had broken into the Electrical Construction Co. store at 119 E. Jefferson Blvd., and had evaded Merchant Police Officer Charles Bailey, who pursued him to the door of the store, Jaskowiak, 311 W. Wayne st., his hands dripping with blood as the result of cuts received as he broke his way through the plate glass in the front door of the store, was arrested about 12:30 o'clock last night at the home of George Wernick, 1915 1-2 Prairie av.

Jaskowiak was trailed to the Wernick home, where he had gone to have his hands bandaged, by Capt. of Detectives Hamilton, Detective Sgt. Dolinski and Officers Winthers, Kish, Pinter and Whitmer. Hamilton and his squad were making their midnight tour of the city when they spotted Jaskowiak running through the streets in the west side of the city. The blood dripping from the deep cuts about his hands furnished a trail to the door of the Wernick home where Jaskowiak was having his wounds bandaged. As the police entered the house, a few minutes after his arrest, Jaskowiak was in the act of placing an electric flat iron stolen from the electrical store on the table.

Admits Guilt.

Jaskowiak readily admitted his guilt and said he had not worked for the past three weeks and had to get some money to support his wife and two small babies. Coroner trucker, was picked up on the way to the station and Jaskowiak's cuts were attended. The police are (Continued on Page Two.)

Says Candidates For  
Speakership Of House  
Must Give Klan Views

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Rep. Gallivan, Democrat of Massachusetts, declared in a statement today that Democrats who go before the party caucus as candidates for speaker of the house in the new congress will be called upon by northern Democratic representatives to say where they stand on the question of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Mark you," said Mr. Gallivan, "we are going to watch Ku Klux Klan Democrats from the south-land, whether they come from Texas or any other state, and they will get no support from Democrats in the north unless at the caucus which will be called to select the party candidate for the speakership, these men pronounce their absolute and unequivocal opposition to the infamous organization which at present holds the front page in our daily newspapers."

Mr. Gallivan declared that while he had no candidate of his own, he would not support Rep. Garrett, Tenn., acting Democratic leader, because of his vote against the soldier bonus.

## BULLETIN

Three persons were killed at 2 o'clock this morning, two almost instantly, when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a fast freight at Lafayette Blvd. and the New York Central tracks.

The dead are: Louis Rubenstein, night clerk at the Commercial hotel. Rex Gibney, taxi driver, 517 E. Monroe st.

Ruth Vanator, 517 E. Monroe st.

The woman was rushed to Epworth hospital, but died shortly after being placed on the operating table. One arm was severed and a leg cut off. The two men were instantly killed. Their bodies were found 100 feet east of the Lafayette Blvd. crossing.

The car was completely demolished. The largest fragment which could be found was the flywheel of the engine.

The machine was a Haynes touring car.

The freight train came to a halt after striking the machine. It was moving at a high speed and police believe that the car was struck squarely in the middle.

When the police arrived, they found the woman breathing and the police ambulance rushed her to the hospital.

The bodies of the two men were taken to Kreighbaum's funeral parlors.

Fragmentary details as pieced together from viewing the wreck led police to the belief that the automobile was proceeding north on Lafayette Blvd. when struck by the east bound freight.

Pieces of the car were found for blocks along the New York Central right of way.

FATALITY INJURED.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Ellis McMillen, 25, of Morroestown, O., was fatally injured today when his automobile was struck by a freight train near York, five miles south of here. He died several hours after being brought to a local hospital.

SWITCH TAMPERING  
CAUSE OF WRECK

Safety Inspectors Find Three Recent Crashes Were of Malicious Origin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Investigation into the three recent railroad accidents which took place at widely separated points has disclosed that all were due to malicious tampering with railroad switches, according to reports filed today with the interstate commerce commission by its safety inspectors.

A derailment of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe line in Colorado, which resulted in the death of two employees and a mail clerk and the injury of 13 others, the inspectors found, was caused by a switch having been opened with malicious intent by some unknown, while a freight train derailed on the Great Northern railway at Andover, Minn., Nov. 26, was derailed in a similar manner.

The wreck Nov. 24 on the Texas & Pacific railway at Mack's in which one person was killed and 31 were injured, was caused, the inspectors declared, by a discharged negro track laborer, who deliberately opened the switch, expecting the inspectors to detect a freight train and broken cars of the merchandise.

AMERICA MAKES  
ANOTHER PLEA  
FOR REFUGEES

Entente Expected to Decide on National Home for Armenians Today.

## BIG ISSUES DEADLOCKED

Final Decision as to Peace or War in Near East Rests With Turks.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—America made another appeal today in behalf of the Near East refugees, when the delegates representing the United States at the Near East peace conference presented an earnest plea that general amnesty arrangements be negotiated with Turkey and suitable provision be made for Armenian and other refugees who fled from Turkey and may wish to return to their homes. The Americans asked that Turkey engage to restore to those refugees their property.

What action the entente will take on the plea of America for a national home in Turkey will probably be decided tomorrow morning. At this time the delegates of France and Italy will consider the petition which the Armenians presented to the conference a few days ago.

No progress was made today by the sub-committee on minorities before which the American appeal was presented when general questions of amnesty were under discussion. The jurists to whom the amnesty clause of the proposed treaty was submitted reported they were unable to agree as both the Turks and the Greeks had interjected too many controversial political considerations. Confronted by persistent Turkish objections, the sub-committee voted to refer the British amendment stipulating the appointment of a League of Nations representative to supervise Turkey's treatment of minorities.

The conference deadlock on the big issues continues. Apparently Ankara must speak before the Ottoman delegates can make concessions of a nature to ease the present delicate position of the peace negotiations.

WAR OR PEACE?  
LAUSANNE, Dec. 29.—Final decision as to peace or war in the Near East rested with the Turks today. The conference stood practically suspended, waiting for word from Ismet Pasha.

The Turk delegate had a few days in which to reply to allied demands that mixed tribunals and judicial guarantees replace capitulations. If he made final, formal rejection of the demand it would mean the immediate end of the peace conference, delegates declared.

British Are Ready.  
Meanwhile the British were reported making preparations to meet an open break with a return to armed watchfulness at the straits. A British fleet, led by the Iron Duke, was reported to be in the straits.

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DIVORCEE IS HELD  
ON MURDER COUNT

Coroner's Jury Says Mrs. Jones Shot Salesman Without Justification.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—O. L. Black, automobile sales manager was shot to death without justification by Mrs. Oliver L. Jones, divorcee, in her apartment here last Sunday night, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury today. Mrs. Jones had waived an examining trial and was held to the grand jury on a charge of murder.

The coroner, policemen and neighbors, on whose testimony the verdict was based, declared the room in which the body was found showed signs of a struggle. Testimony also failed to bear out early reports that the clothing of the victim was torn.

By agreement neither C. H. Jones, of Cincinnati, divorced husband, nor Clara, 15, daughter of the defendant, testified.

Mrs. Jones was quoted by one witness as having declared that Black said just before the tragedy: "I am through with you." The commonwealth pointed to this testimony as strengthening its theory that jealousy and fear of losing the companionship of the victim was the motive for the shooting.

Efforts of the defense were centered in support of the self-defense contention of the defendant. It was explained, it was in the nature of a New Year's gift. Just prior to Christmas, the president granted three commutations but these were not for offenders against war time laws.

HARDING TO FREE 12  
POLITICAL PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—President Harding expects to sign tomorrow commutation of sentence of 12 more "political prisoners," it was said today by a White House spokesman. There will, however, be no "general amnesty," it was added.

The commutations, it was explained, will be in the nature of a New Year's gift. Just prior to Christmas, the president granted three commutations but these were not for offenders against war time laws.

## Asks \$50,000 Love Balm



Declaring her father-in-law, J. D. Lanier, wealthy Macon (Ga.) dentist has alienated the affections of her husband, Mrs. Peggy Lewis Lanier has filed suit for \$50,000 damages.

ORCHESTRA QUILTS  
PALACE; DEMANDS  
2 EXTRA PLAYERS

Management Presents Vaudeville Despite Walkout—Views of Two Factions.

The Palace vaudeville was presented Friday night without an orchestra. The local Federation of Musicians insisting that ten men instead of eight be employed in the orchestra, ordered a strike just before the opening of the performance.

The Palace has employed eight men since the opening of the theater. The members of the orchestra are on duty three hours out of each day, except Saturday and Sunday, their time being cut by the fact that when the changed policy added a feature picture, an organist was employed that materially cut their time.

The pay of the members of the orchestra is \$47, the highest figure paid in the city for such short hours, according to officers of the union. There was no dispute over wages or conditions, the strike being called because of the union determination that two additional men be employed.

When Asher Levy, general manager of the Palace circuit, B. B. Kahane, the secretary-treasurer and Hugh Flannery, local manager refused to agree to the demands, branding them as unreasonable and unprecedented, and an invasion of proper rights of management and ownership, the members of the orchestra refused to play.

May Rearrange Bills.

The bill for the week happened to have a number of musical acts carrying their own accompaniments and it is likely that the bills will be arranged so as to preserve vaudeville until the matter is settled. According to General Manager Levy in no other theater of the city has such a demand been made, larger theaters in Chicago and elsewhere being operated with even fewer than the eight men who have been employed here. As he views it, there is a principle involved and this is quite as important as the extra employment demanded for members of the organization.

"We consider the action of the local federation arbitrary and we are able to protect our interests should this issue be prolonged," declared Asher Levy Friday night, and attention was called by that official of the Palace orchestra to the fact that working less than three hours a day for pay in excess of the scale for theatrical work elsewhere, have "the easiest job in the country."

"We pay our orchestra men more for three hours of playing each day than do other local houses where the orchestra is required to play six hours a day and in using eight men we are slightly above the average sized orchestra for cities the size of South Bend," Levy declared.

Musicians' Viewpoint.  
"Members of the local board of control have decided that the size of the Palace theater warrants the use of 10 men and we are backed by our national president in insisting on an orchestra of that size," declared Harry Geiss, president of the local federation. Other members of the board of control insist that more than 29 ushers are used at the Palace, half of whom are unneeded and that the orchestra of eight men is scarcely audible in some parts of the house. They maintain that if the management can afford that many

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SAFETY BOARD TO  
CLAMP LID DOWN  
ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Not Even Hip Pocket Toters to Be Tolerated—Dry Rev. Is Permitted.

The lid is on for New Year's Eve in South Bend. The Board of Public Safety in session last night declared that more than usual precautions would be taken to maintain law and order as far as tilting the lid is concerned.

The fact that it is New Year's Eve will bring no relaxation of the vigilance by the police that night. Revery where it does not assume the form of liquor will be permitted, was the attitude of the board last night.

Particular attention will be paid to places where the public concern has been made, according to the vigilance by the police that night. Revery where it does not assume the form of liquor will be permitted, was the attitude of the board last night.

An offer of heavy cooperation by owners of places where South Bend folk congregated to watch the New Year's Eve celebration, according to Chief of Police Lawrence Lane.

According to a report made to the board last night by Clerk Paul A. Heiermann, arrests in this city have doubled over those of previous periods last year.

Arrests for intoxication have almost tripled in comparison with 1921, due to the rigid enforcement of liquor law violations while large increases were also evident in other violations.

The figures for the five leading violations are as follows:

Violation	1921	1922
Intoxication	1,259	485
Gambling	299	248
Unlawful Possession	332	248
Unlawful Manufacture	82	248
Prostitution	235	69

Unlawful possession of liquor and unlawful manufacture of liquor were not classified in the 1921 report; and figures for such arrests are not available.

Three applicants for the police department appeared before the board last night. One applicant was accepted from information and references submitted last night and he was notified to undergo a physical examination today. No appointments are expected to be made until Jan. 2, but the question of applicants will continue for several weeks and available candidates will be held in reserve for future appointments.

MYSTERY VEILS PLANS  
OF MRS. MCCORMICK

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Mystery veiled the movements of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, on the first day of her freedom to remarry under the Illinois divorce laws. It was a year and a day since her divorce from Harold F. McCormick, who married Ganna Walska, the Polish opera singer, last summer.

Slence greeted all inquiries at Mrs. McCormick's home regarding reports of her intended marriage to Edward Krenn, 26 year old Swiss architect. Mrs. McCormick remained in seclusion in the gray stone castle she occupies on the lake shore and even the butler sent forth word to a waiting group of reporters that he could not talk.

BORAH AGREES  
TO WITHHOLD  
CONCLAVE PLAN

Accepts Assurances That Administration Is Working Toward Adjustment.

## WATSON RELATES PLANS

Outlines Government's Efforts—Stormy Debate Precedes Decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The fight over the proposal of Sen. Borah that Pres't Harding call an economic conference came to a seasonal climax in the senate today when the Idaho senator announced that he would withhold his proposed amendment to the naval appropriation bill on administration assurances given by Sen. Watson of Indiana that the president was already sounding out the situation in a way which might lead to some movement which would aid the adjustment of conditions prevailing in Europe.

Sen. Borah made known his decision during the debate after Sen. Watson, one of the administration spokesmen who was instrumental in lining up the administration forces in opposition to the proposal, appealed to the Idaho senator not to press his proposed resolution for substantially the same reasons outlined in Pres't Harding's letter of yesterday.

Sen. Watson disclosed that administration "feelings" had been made as to European policy and referred to the statement in Pres't Harding's letter that it was necessary first to ascertain whether overtures for a conference would be "welcome."

Tells of Negotiations.  
"And I go so far as to say," said the Indiana senator, "that that has been done and that the things that have been undertaken may, if successfully continued, go so far as to result in the holding of a conference in the future."

Sen. Borah suggested that Sen. Watson withhold his amendment on the ground that the administration's course would be embarrassed. While a deputy sheriff armed with a revolver to claim Dr. McKoin for the state of Louisiana on a charge of murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnappings and murders.

There was no intimation of when the arrests promised by the state would be made. Some believe the arrests will not occur until after the open hearing has been concluded. While a deputy sheriff armed with a revolver to claim Dr. McKoin for the state of Louisiana on a charge of murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnappings and murders.

Sen. Watson declared that the situation was not one of "negotiations" but of diplomatic conversation.

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NO AMERICAN AID  
IN PREMIERS' MEET

German Chancellor May Present Plan for Four-Power Pact, Is Report.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Persistent reports that the United States would participate in some form in next week's conference of the inter-allied premiers were definitely eliminated today upon the receipt of news that the United States government would take no part in the meeting. Unofficial but authoritative information reached Paris today that the American administration regards the forthcoming premiers' conference as a purely European affair, and has not warranted intervention by the United States.

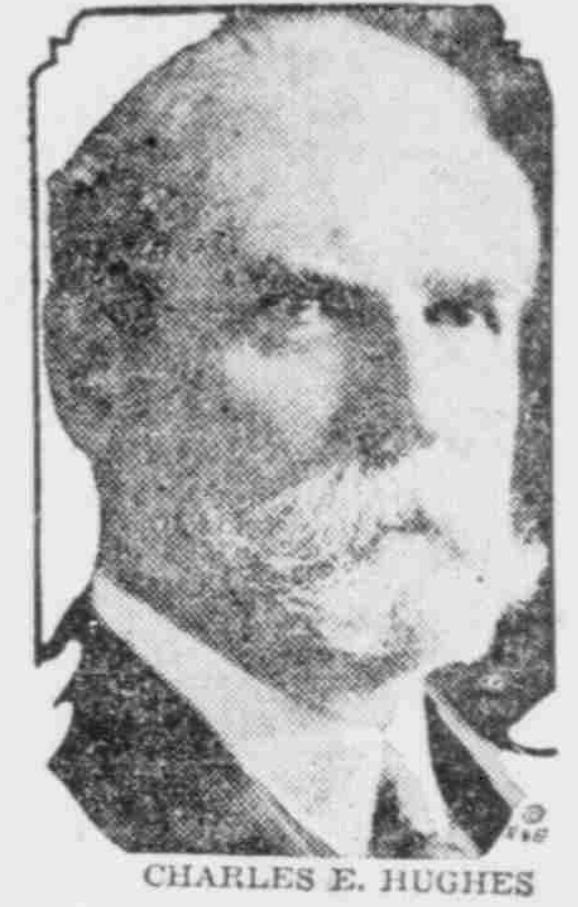
There was some suggestion, however, that the breaking up of the conference and a probability that this would certainly be followed by French seizures in Germany might provoke some eleventh hour step by the United States.

Reports that Wilhelm Cuno, the German chancellor intends to startle the premiers' conference with definite proposals for a four-power pact which would guarantee the security of France and the present Franco-German frontiers, reached Paris today and created considerable comment. This pact, according to the reports, would extend over a period of 20 years. It would be signed by Great Britain, Italy, France and Germany. The United States also would be asked to sign, but without assuming any military obligations.

Germany is keeping her new proposals much in the dark, so far as the reparations commission is concerned.

AUTOMOBILE STOLEN.  
J. R. Doty, Jr., 1313 VanBuren st., reported to the police at 7:30 o'clock last night that his Dodge touring car bearing a 1922 Indiana license No. 199528, was stolen some time between 5:15 o'clock and 7:15 o'clock last night while it was parked in the 269 block S. Michigan st.

## Offers Aid Plan

DEPUTY LEAVES TO  
RETURN MER ROUGE  
MAN TO LOUISIANA

Friends Raise Funds for Dr. McKoin's Defense—No More Arrests Yet.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 29.—Special Deputy Calhoun of Morehouse parish left here this afternoon for Baltimore with requisition papers for the return of Dr. B. M. McKoin to Louisiana on an affidavit signed by Gov. Parker, charging him with murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnappings.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—With the date for the open hearing but a week away, Morehouse parishioners are anxiously awaiting the passing of time which will reveal the identity of those designated for arrest in connection with the Morehouse kidnappings and murders.

There was no intimation of when the arrests promised by the state would be made. Some believe the arrests will not occur until after the open hearing has been concluded. While a deputy sheriff armed with a revolver to claim Dr. McKoin for the state of Louisiana on a charge of murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnappings and murders.

The plea of the former mayor at Baltimore today that he would rather die in prison than be taken back to Morehouse caused his friends here and in New Orleans to consider steps to provide him with a heavy escort after he reaches Louisiana in the event he is returned, it is said.

Shirley Carpenter of Morehouse issued a statement today declaring he knew there would be some arrests upon the return of the federal investigators tomorrow in New Orleans. He said that while 45 citizens were not named in the kidnapping plot, he did not believe this number was actually participants, as his information was that there were only 13 or 20.

## KLAN BREAKING UP?

BASTROP, La., Dec. 29.—Disintegration of the local branch of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan through fear of wholesale arrests and prosecution of members as a result of the governmental and state investigation into the kidnapping and murder of Walt Daniels and Thomas F. Richards last August was the gist of reports which ran rampant today through all Morehouse parish.

These reports had it that the Klansmen of this parish have silently disbanded at the bidding of Cyclops J. K. Skipworth, and that the members have agreed to keep looked behind their own lips the identity of every member.

One prominent planter of this parish declared that he had heard of no such thing.

PROTEST AMERICAN  
SHIP LIQUOR RULE

Steamship Companies Plead for Removal of Ban Enforced by Daugherty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Declaring irreparable damage will be done through diversion of passenger traffic to foreign lines unless the ruling of the attorney general that ships of American registry, where ever they may be, are subject to the prohibition amendment and enforcement act be overturned, the United-American line and others filed in the supreme court today a brief in their case which will be reached for argument next week.

The steamship companies, in the brief, claimed the right to dispense intoxicating beverages to passengers upon the high seas and in foreign ports, independently of the question whether these may be lawfully brought within the three mile limit, and also "the incidental right to keep such beverages in reasonable quantity as sea stores on board their ships under regulations of the treasury department, while within the ports and harbors of the United States."

OUTLINES U. S.  
VIEWS TOWARD  
FINANCE CRISIS

Thinks Independent Commission of Experts Could Work Out Solution.

## AGAINST WORLD PARLEY

Recognizes Reparations Issue Is Crux of Problem—America Not Arbitrator.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—A suggestion that an independent commission of men competent in financial affairs would accomplish more than a general international conference toward solution of the European reparations tangle was put forward by Percy Charles E. Hughes here tonight in the first public pronouncement on the economic crisis to come from officials of the administration in Washington.

The secretary, who spoke before the American Historical association, added that he had "no doubt" distinguished Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission measure which, instead of producing American helplessness, cannot fail to open hope.

Referring to suggestions that the United States assume the role of arbitrator in the reparations dispute, Mr. Hughes said a sufficient answer to that was the fact "that we have not been asked." He went on to say he did not believe this government should take such a burden of responsibility.

Reparations at Root.  
Throughout his discussion the secretary recognized that the questions of German reparations lay at the root of any economic settlement.

The problems abroad, he said, are world problems, and could not be disposed of "by calling them European." He declared the United States would view with disfavor measures which, instead of producing reparations, "would threaten disaster," and then said no one could foresee the serious consequences which might ensue.

The text of Mr. Hughes' speech follows in part:

"The economic conditions in Europe give us the greatest concern. They have long received the earnest consideration of the United States. It is idle to say that we are not interested in these problems for we are deeply interested and from an economic standpoint, as our credits and markets are involved and from a humanitarian standpoint as the heart of the American people goes out to those who are in distress. We cannot dispose of these problems by calling them European. They are world problems and we cannot escape the injurious consequences of a failure to settle them."

"They are, however, European problems in the sense that they cannot be solved without the consent of European governments. The key to the settlement is in their hands, not in ours."

America's Part.  
"The crux of the European situation lies in the settlement of reparations. There will be no adjustment of other needs however pressing, until a definite and accepted basis for the charge of reparations claims has been fixed."

"How can the United States help in this matter? We are not seeking reparations. We are bearing our own burden and through our loans, a large part of Europe's burden in addition. No demands of ours stand in the way of a proper settlement."

"Of course, we hold the obligations of European governments and there has been however pressing, until a definite and accepted basis for the charge of reparations claims has been fixed."

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